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TO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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FOLLOWING REPEAT LA PAZ 09881 ACTION SECSTATE, LONDON KUALA  
LUMPUR DTD 14 DEC 76.

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EMIN, BL

SUBJ: BOLIVIAN OFFICIAL REACTION TO NEW ITC BUFFER-STOCK TIN  
PRICES

1. THE GOB'S FURTHER REACTION TO THE RECENT ITC MEETING HAS  
BEEN EXPRESSED BY GENERAL VILLALPANDO, MINISTER OF MINES,  
IN A STRONGLY WORDED EIGHT-POINT PRESS RELEASE STATING THAT  
ONCE AGAIN CONSUMER COUNTRIES INTERESTS HAVE PREVAILED WITH  
NEW PRICE LEVELS ESTABLISHED BY ITC. THE RELEASE STRESSES  
THAT CONSUMER NATIONS HAVE ACTED ARROGANTLY AND REJECTED  
BOLIVIAN PROPOSALS BASED ON BOLIVIA'S CALCULATED MINING COST.  
THE DOCUMENT CONTAINS THE TEXT OF THE STATEMENT READ BY THE  
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BOLIVIAN DELEGATION AFTER THE VOTE ON BUFFER STOCK PRICE  
LEVELS.

2. COMMENT. THE GOB IS WAITING FOR THE RETURN OF ITS ITC  
DELEGATION AND ITS OCCICIAL REPORT BEFORE IT DECIDES WHAT  
ACTION TO TAKE. THE STRONGLY WORDED PRESS RELEASE REFLECTS

THE CONSIDERABLE DISCONTENT WITHIN BOLIVIAN MINING CIRCLES  
WITH THE RESULTS OF THE MEETING. WE WOULD NOT BE  
SURPRISED TO SEE THE GOB AGAIN GO TO THE BRINK IN AN  
EFFORT TO OBTAIN HIGHER BUFFER STOCK PRICE LEVELS,  
AS IT DID IN JUNE, BUT WHETHER GOB IS PREPARED IN  
THE END NOT TO FINALLY RATIFY THE FIFTH ITA IF IT  
DOESN'T GET ITS WAY IS UNPREDICTABLE AT THIS POINT.  
END COMMENT

3. ACTION REQUESTED. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY  
ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION DEPARTMENT CAN  
PROVIDE TO REFUTE GOB ALLEGATIONS THAT CONSUMER  
COUNTRIES ACTED ARROGANTLY AND DID NOT PROPERLY  
CONSIDER BOLIVIAN PROPOSALS.

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